

Balmoral International Group - The Azette River Ghosts



Bridges, rivers and buildings are some of the mute witnesses of historical events. Luxembourg, unlike any other countries has tried to preserve these structures and natural habitats. These landmarks were and still remain to be a part of people's everyday lives: the smiles, the laughter, the romance, the grief and sometimes, death. Each part of these places has nurtured souls and spirits which can never be erased in history.

The Alzette River has been in the map of the Grand Duchy even before it had become an independent country. No wonder there are numerous accounts of superficial events and sightings in this place.

One story is about a white figure that constantly appears in the bridge of Ettelbrück. The ghostly figure of a woman in white is known as "Waaßerkätchen" taking nightly walks up along rue de Feulen. She walks along the stream in her white silk clothes playing with the water. Always taking the same route she then turns right at the end of the road as if to return to the peace and quiet of the Millewo Pond (Mühlenteich) before disappearing into the night.

A member of [Balmoral Group International](http://www.balmoralinternationalgroup.org) shared a personal story of how one of his close cousins had encountered a white cat in the same bridge on the eve of the New Year. The cat followed him all throughout his way home. He was only able to mislead the cat when he came to a different house instead of heading directly home a little past 1:00 AM when the cat had mysteriously disappeared.

According to some stories as well, in November 2010, during a hunt (or battue) near Ettelbrück, a group of hunters surrounded a deer and attempted to shoot it. The terrified animal ran off towards the Alzette and, in a frantic effort to escape, jumped into the river in the same area the previous ghostly apparitions are said to have appeared.

The hunters were heavily criticised for the method used to hunt the animal, even taking pot shots at it while in the water (an eyewitness even captured the incident on video). They failed to kill the deer but the poor animal later drowned in the river Alzette. Some locals now speculate, due to the location of the incident, that the deer will reappear as yet another ghostly apparition at this year's hunt in Ettelbrück.

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